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FOR NIMETZ AND VEST

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, TU, CY
SUBJ: APRIL 6 HIRC TESTIMONY-Q'S AND A'S FOR SECRETARY

REF: STATE 87920

THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF YOUR Q'S AND A'S AS REVISED AND APPROVED
THE PRIME MINISTER: BEGIN TEXT:

QUESTION: WHEN WILL THE TURKS BE PUTTING FORWARD THEIR NEW
CYPRUS PROPOSALS? DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION AS TO THEIR
CONTENT?

ANSWER: WE UNDERSTAND THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES
WILL PRESENT THEIR NEW TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS
TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IN ABOUT TEN DAYS. THE
SECRETARY GENERAL IS TRAVELLING IN EUROPE AT THE MOMENT AND
WILL NOT BE BACK IN NEW YORK UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH.
FROM SEVERAL OFFICIAL STATEMENTS MADE BY THE TURKISH AND
TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERS SUPPLEMENTED BY INFORMATION
RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, WE HAVE SUFFICIENT
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GROUND TO BELIEVE THAT THESE NEW PROPOSALS WILL BE
CONCRETE, REASONABLE AND FORTHCOMING AND THAT THEY
WILL REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE OVER WHAT WAS
OFFERED AT THE TALKS IN VIENNA A YEAR AGO. THE CONSTI-
TUTIONAL PROPOSAL WILL PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A WORKABLE
AND VIABLE FEDERAL STRUCTURE. IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD
THAT THE TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL WILL INCLUDE CONCRETE

READJUSTMENTS AND WILL SET FORTH PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF VAROSHA.

QUESTION: WHEN WILL THE BASES REOPEN?

ANSWER: WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY THAT THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WOULD LEAD TO THE REOPENING OF THE INSTALLATIONS. WITH THIS AIM IN MIND WE WILL, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS TO REACH A NEW BASIS FOR THE OPERATION OF THESE FACILITIES IN TURKEY. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THIS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT DELAY AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD AGREE ON THIS. WE WOULD HOPE TO USE THE TIME EFFECTIVELY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FINAL VOTE ON LIFTING THE EMBARGO. END TEXT.

WE BELIEVE YOU MIGHT WISH TO ADD "WE WILL ALSO EXPLORE WITH THE GOT, IF NECESSARY, IMMEDIATE REOPENING UPON REPEAL OF THE EMBARGO ON AN INTERIM BASIS EVEN IF NEW ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULLY WORKED OUT". THIS SENTENCE HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED WITH THE GOT BUT THAT DOES NOT SEEM NECESSARY AS IT IS SIMPLY A STATEMENT OF WHAT WE WOULD HOPE TO DO.
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